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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SIXTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE ARE FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS
AND WISH TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THE
MODERATES TO STAND FAST AND TO RESIST GIVING IN TO THE LEFT.
RECENT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE AND THE LACK
OF REACTION TO THE PARATROOPERS REBELLION THIS MORNING
HINT THAT THE USUAL AMBIGUOUS "SOLUTION" MAY BE IN THE
OFFING. WHILE WE HAVE NO IMMEDIATE HOPE OF DEFINITIVE
SOLUTIONS FOR PORTUGAL'S SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES,
WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE TORTUOUS BALANCING
ACT WHICH SEEM TO END EACH CRISIS APPEAR CONSISTENTLY TO
INCREASE THE BOLDNESS -- IF NOT THE POWER -- OF THE
COMMUNISTS AND THE ULTRA-LEFT.

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2. UNLESS YOU BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE,

YOU SHOULD SEEK AN IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH PINHEIRO AZEVEDO AND CONVEY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING:

-- YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE HIM OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR AND SYMPATHY WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER TO PORTUGAL.

-- WE WISH HIM TO KNOW THAT THE U.S. WILL STAND BY A DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL, THAT WE APPRECIATE THE SEVERE STRAINS WHICH ARE AFFECTING THE CABINET AND THE ARMED FORCES AND THAT WE HOPE HE WILL LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN OR SHOULD DO TO HELP.

-- THE PINHEIRO AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS THE WILL OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. TO YIELD TO THE EXTRA-LEGAL PRESSURES OF THE MOB AND TO THOSE GROUPS AND POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH ENCOURAGE OPEN REBELLION WILL SERVE TO MORTGAGE TODAY'S PEACE TO TOMORROW'S TYRANNY. WE HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON THE ABOVE TALKING POINTS (PARA 2) AND MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS TO MELO ANTUNES (EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA YOUR ESTABLISHED INTERMEDIARY) SOARES, AND SA CARNEIRO. YOU MAY, AT YOUR DISCRETION, TELL THEM OF YOUR CONTACT WITH PINHEIRO AZEVEDO. KISSINGER

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